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| 1 | A Here. | 1 you. |
| 2 | Q Utah, 2? | MR. SUTTER: Good afternoon, |
| 3 | A Here. | 3 everyone. I appreciate the opportunity to |
| 4 | Q Vermont, 2? | 4 address you. I don't want to take too much time |
| 5 | A Here. | 5 because I know that you have a lot to do, but I |
| 6 | Q Washington, 5? | 6 was struck by the fact of a couple of things. |
| 7 | A Here. | 7 One is there's an awful lot of meetings going on |
| 8 | Q West Virginia, 2? | 8 this weekend, and most of them, from what I have |
| 9 | A Present by God. | 9 been able to see, more than ever before, are |
| 10 | Q Western New York, 4? | 10 dealing with what we're going to do to move to |
| 11 | A Here. | 11 address the future. And It think that's a really |
| 12 | Q Wisconsin, 2? | 12 important topic, and one that I'm glad to see |
| 13 | A Here. | 13 considered. I know that you are considering and |
| 14 | Q Wyoming, 1. | 14 have, in the past recently changed the way that |
| 15 | A (No response.) | 15 you do business and the way that you are |
| 16 | Q USL, 4? | 16 structured. And on the youth side, as U.S. Youth |
| 17 | A Here. | 17 Soccer president and as part of U.S. Youth |
| 18 | Q WPSL, 2? | 18 Soccer, we're doing that ourselves. We are |
| 19 | A Here. | 19 having dialogue now about, you know, do we need |
| 20 | Q NPSL, 3? | 20 to change to be able to look towards the future |
| 21 | A Here. | 21 and see where we're going to go. |
| 22 | Q AYSO, 2? | 22 And I think I have also seen within |
| 23 | A Here. | 23 the organizations, both at U.S. Adult Soccer, |
| 24 | Q MSSL, 1? | 24 U.S. Youth Soccer, within the Youth Council, |
| 25 | A Here. | 25 within the Adult Council, a recognition that |
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| 1 | Q SAY, 1? | 1 we're really part of something a whole lot larger |
| 2 | A (No response.) | 2 than just ourselves, and that we need to move to |
| 3 | MR. ELJALI: Okay. I will go back | 3 kind of find that common ground where we can work |
| 4 | over the ones that did not answer. | 4 together on items that are of common concern |
| 5 | (Simultaneous conversations.) | 5 instead of always worrying about our differences. |
| 6 | MR. ELJALI: Thank you. I will need | 6 The U.S. Youth Council, the U.S. |
| 7 | to change that. Okay. | 7 Soccer Federation Youth Task Force met a few |
| 8 | Delaware? | 8 weeks back, and we had members representing all |
| 9 | (No response.) | 9 of the foundation members that deal with the |
| 10 | SAY. | 10 youth, and we talked a lot about what are common |
| 11 | (No response.) | 11 areas of interest. And so we spoke about risk |
| 12 | PRESIDENT GROFF: All right. We are still | 12 management. We spoke about concussions. We |
| 13 | waiting for the Credentials Report. After the | 13 spoke about insurance, tournaments, tried to find |
| 14 | Credentials Report is finished, we will then deal | 14 those areas that we could address together |
| 15 | with the issue of the agenda. | 15 instead of always trying to talk about what is it |
| 16 | In that time period of waiting, Evelyn | 16 that separates us. |
| 17 | Gill, the vice-president of the U.S. Youth Soccer is | 17 And I think the same with the youth |
| 18 | here, and she would like the opportunity to say | 18 and with the adult. U.S. Youth Soccer and U.S. |
| 19 | hello. | 19 Adult Soccer have seen the growth in the number |
| 20 | MS. GILL: Actually, I'm going to | 20 of joint state associations. I don't think |
|  | turn this over to our president, John Sutter, who | 21 that's by accident. I think it's by design. |
| 22 | now is in the room and will make the remarks, and | 22 It's a national occurrence, in some respects, in |
| 23 | I just want to say that I enjoy working with | 23 wanting to come together and move forward to |
| 24 | USASA, with John and with Richard on the | 24 better the game. And I think that's a good sign, |
|  | Federation board, but our president will speak to | 25 because as the youth, as the adult, we have so |

much in common than we do different, and I think that together there's a whole lot more that we can accomplish in trying to find those common grounds, those common interests, things that we can work on together, whether it be in competitions and in certain age levels or supporting each others' events or causes, those are the kind of things that we need to do as good members of the Federation, but more importantly as good members and stewards of the game.

So I extend, on behalf of the youth, that opportunity to work together. Richard has been doing that all along for several years. I think it's taking root. We're seeing some benefits from that. We want to continue that. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

And good luck this afternoon in your meetings. Thank you very much.
(Applause.)
MR. EJLALI: All right.
We have, 201 is your total vote
count; 101 is your majority; and 151 is your two-thirds.

PRESIDENT GROFF: What I pointed out
to the chair, the totals that were just given to
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you included all the people in the front of the room who cannot vote on elections, so they will get another number to reflect that as well, and he is working on that.

So the next item on the agenda is to approve the agenda for the U.S. Soccer -- U.S. Adult Soccer National Council.

Now, before the motion, in talking to my trusty parliamentarian, the approval of this agenda, we still have the option at some point to recess and do the U.S. Soccer Adult Council.

Okay. So I need a motion to approve the agenda before you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move. PRESIDENT GROFF: I hear a motion and a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
PRESIDENT GROFF: All those in favor
say aye? Anyone opposed?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. So we have the agenda.

The next item is the Confirmation of the Minutes for the 2013 Mid-Year Meeting. Are there any corrections, changes? Unhappiness?

Hearing none, the minutes are now
confirmed.
MR. MARTH: On the Credentials
Report, two-thirds, what was that number?
MR. EJLALI: 134.
PRESIDENT GROFF: A correction, 134.
So it's when the entire body is voting, the
majority is the 101. And the two-thirds is 134.
So the next issue, the concerns raised before we started the meeting, do you want to move ahead, without a recess, to the U.S. Adult Soccer -- U.S. Soccer Adult Council Meeting? Does anyone -- okay. Hearing none --

MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer from Idaho, I didn't quite hear what you were saying.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. The question was, is there a motion to move to recess to the U.S. Soccer Adult Council meeting?

MR. SCHERER: So move.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Is there a second?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
PRESIDENT GROFF: All those in favor say aye?
(Motion passed.)
(The National Council meeting recessed at 16
1:45 to the U.S. Adult Soccer Council meeting; after which the USASA National Council meeting reconvened as follows at 2:40 p.m.)

PRESIDENT GROFF: The next item on the agenda is the President's Report for the National Council meeting of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association. It's been a very good four years. When it first started, I was a bit concerned about why I even wanted the position. We had just finished the summit and of course, there was all the pressure to do the governance. And then I got three phone calls from three state association presidents who were upset about the quality of the business of U.S. Adult Soccer. They said if there's no changes, we're going to leave. And quite honestly, I thank Tim, Cezar and Jim Sadowski, because they put down the challenge of what we had to do. I even got a call from Dan Flynn, and he said, Richard, is there a problem? I keep getting these calls for a direct affiliation.

So, I sat down and came up, which I thought was a four-year plan, of what we had to do to keep everybody happy. And the first thing -- and we're going to flash them up here,
as we go -- was a flexible insurance plan.
People wanted liability only. People wanted different coverages. They wanted a different plan than we have ever had. And they wanted us to go out and be very competitive in getting those plans. They wanted competitive bidding in the insurance market. And we did that. We also increased our liability coverage to $\$ 5$ million.

Next was the national office. We needed an executive director. We needed to move it to a place closer to U.S. Soccer. We moved to Chicago. Hired the staff, hired an executive director. You have a great staff right now, and you can be very proud of that.

The big move was online registration. Some people were happy with Demosphere other people were not, but everyone said don't make us use the same one. So we allowed you to go choose your provider. We allowed you to make sure it was compatible with the IT requirements to go into our CRM. And most importantly, we finally got a system that if you wanted to use it, it was inexpensive, free to a state association and could help you, and our staff would help you with that. And by having the online registration, we

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developed a database.
National competitions. We have the women's and men's national championship that U.S. Soccer helped fund. We started the Women's National Championship. And now we're talking about an Under-23 National Championship.

Membership. We had a fantastic membership committee. They worked hard. They are coming with the information that you need. We kept everybody in the organization.

Increased sponsorship. Next year, you'll probably have $\$ 100,000$ in sponsorship. That's in addition to the 125 - to 175,000 from Nike. Contract with MLS SUM, Hyatt, K\&K, Dunkin' Donuts.

We needed a brand. We needed the U.S. Adult Soccer brand, a new logo, new banners.

We helped you pay for the banners, so you would put them on your fields, a very good program. Many of you participated.

And we started thinking about partnerships. Partnerships with MLS, U.S.
Soccer, U.S. Youth Soccer, the National Women's Soccer League. We became an organization that people wanted to work with.

The national and regional leagues. When we first started four years ago, USL was not -- did not have all their members. Super-20s were a different organization. The W League was in a different organization. They have all come back. The NPSL and WPSL expanded, and you now have two regional leagues. Unique registrations, how about that? You can have it Under-20. You can have it Under 23. You can have a liability only. You can have a premier, and you can have standard. All of these gave flexibility, different fees, tournament fees, $\$ 6$, much more flexibility for your state association to sell. Truly it's -- we lost AYSO, for awhile, and now they're back. U.S. Futsal is going to apply to be a new affiliate. Again, partnerships with people to grow Adult Soccer.

Premier leagues. State-sanctioned elite leagues, we give them a premier status. It helps their marketing and makes them important.

In addition, we have league database. 500 different leagues are now in our database. They have directors and officers insurance. We send them newsletters.

Upgraded the website. We invested a 20
great deal of money, but it's much better.
Includes videos.
And while our membership hasn't sky-rocketed, everyone is still here, and we have grown slightly. You are financially strong.
This is a very excellent team effort. You have a great, hard-working NBOD. You have dedicated committee chairs. They are part of your management team.

If you have been a committee chair at any time during the last four years, I would like you to stand up, so I can give you a had. Please stand up. Every committee chair in this room, please stand up.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: And finally you. This organization is strong because we have dedicated volunteers and dedicated staff. This organization will move forward because of you.

It's been a great four years. Thank
you for letting me serve you as president.
(Applause.)
(Standing ovation.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: So we're running short on time a little bit. Are there any

1 officers and committees that need to give a verbal report, or is what is in the book adequate? Please read the reports in the book.

I don't think we have any communications? No communications.

And so now -- oh, yes. Mr. Kepner.
MR. KEPNER: Each of you should have
received -- this is from the Membership
Committee -- a packet like this. Some of the folks who sat towards the back might not have received them -- when you get ready to leave, go to the front -- but inside the brochure prepared by the National Office are several items. Our subcommittee divided into two subgroups, to work. One was a marketing materials subcommittee, Yvonne Garcia out of New Mexico, Richard Moeller out of Florida, and Marion out of South Carolina, Luis Salcedo out of Southern Cal. I don't think I've skipped anybody there -- somebody correct me if I have -- very effective group, and this is just the beginning, really.

The glossy items are the things that are examples of what is going to be produced. And then also, the other subcommittee, Gus Xikis, Vic Boydo, Jack Cirillo, myself created the other 22
one, the bifold little booklet. These are examples. They will be improved on, and others will come out. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Thanks, Bob. And Duncan is going to talk about that later as well.

Budgets. This is your 2014-'15
budget which will be presented by the budget chair.

MS. BRIGGS: Wow, is it bright up here. I'm Toni Briggs. I'm the budget chair. We worked pretty hard in the revamping of the budget this year, as you can see. There are no noticeable changes in any expenses and in any income except for the first categories of income, we have put into very specific categories according to their types, but we're still remaining at 252,000 players. Anything over that would be gravy, and then as our commitment to U.S. Soccer, as well.

So, we'll open it up. I'm a little bit under the weather, so if we can be concise, and let's just not mull over some of these. Paul and Tim, if you can be concise with some of your comments, it would kind of help. But I will open it up for any questions on any of the income and
expense items.
I will make note that the one item that is of the hugest difference that you are going to see is the top expenses for all of the NBOD members. The NBOD has chosen to put one line item for the NBOD expenses, and then the additional expenses for each position separately. That's the one big difference from last year to this year. The other expenses should remain very similar.

And a couple of items that we've added is the women's National Cup, which we are completely funding, and then the new National Women's Soccer League, which was an addition after the budget committee got this.

So, we'll open it up for any questions?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to accept the budget.

MS. BRIGGS: There's a question? So are you supplying me with you instead of Tim?

MS. LOGUE: No, no, no; I can actually add. Tim can't add.

Anyway, in line 91 -- oh, my name is Kit Logue, I'm from Washington state -- and I don't like this microphone.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Speak into the microphone.

MS. LOGUE: Oh, okay. Anyway, when I add $25 \mathrm{~K}, 20 \mathrm{~K}$ and 5 K , I come up with 50,000 , and it just says 55,4 . So I just wondered what the other 5,4 was.

MS. BRIGGS: Yes, mostly it's probably for referees. But that was just -those are just things that they were going to -that are dedicated to that, but the actual cost, as you can see, was almost 50,000, last year. They were having issues with referees, so they chose to increase that by 5,400 , basically.

MR. MOORE: Tom Moore, Cal North.
I apologize for having only gotten this around noon and not had much time with it, but line 58. So the actual for 2012, 2013 for total NBOD expenses was 70,000. Do we know what the forecasted actual is for 2013, 2014 as against the budgeted amount of 89,000 ?

MS. BRIGGS: I don't have the actual -- do you have the actual with you? She can add it up, but there are huge rising costs, if you haven't noticed, in air fares, and I think

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|  | that they had actually looked at the actual, at |  | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. |
|  | the time of day, which was probably around the | 2 | MS. BRIGGS: Richard |
|  | end of the year, which hadn't been audited yet. |  | PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you. You |
|  | 4 But she's trying to add that up, because it's not |  | have your budget. |
|  | in one solid number like this 89 is | 5 | Okay. We're now into elections. The |
| 6 | MR. MOORE: Well, and the, sort of |  | nominations for president. |
|  | the subsidiary question is, what was the genesis |  | MR. FRICKER: Werner Fricker, Jr., |
|  | 8 of the jump from 19,000 from 2012-2013 actual to |  | Past President, Eastern Pennsylvania. |
|  | the budget for 2013-2014? This is also why I |  | I would like to nominate John Motta |
| 10 | asked what the forecaste of what the actual was? | 10 | for president of the United States Adult Soccer |
|  | Are we going to hit that? Are we going to hit |  | Association. We all know John's performance, his |
| 12 | 89,000, or are we still around, with airfare | 12 | track record in the game. We also know his |
| 13 | increases, maybe 72 or 75 , and what was the | 13 | performance and his track record and experience |
|  | rationale for that \$19,000 bump? |  | usiness world |
| 15 | MS. BRIGGS: I didn't hear everything | 15 | By electing John as our leader for |
|  | about that 19 and all that stuff before it. But | 16 | the next two years, only good things can come. I |
|  | I can tell you that all those expenses above line | 17 | ask for you to support him and elect him as our |
|  | 59 to the very first expense, which is on line | 18 | xt president. Thank you. |
|  | 30, we took an average of a little over -- I | 19 | PRESIDENT GROFF: Any other |
|  | think it was around 1200 per meeting, and then | 20 | minations? |
|  | those discretionary ones, that are the 4s, the | 21 | ove to close the nominations. |
|  | 2 s , the 5 s , those are for any extra meetings that | 22 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. |
|  | that particular board member may have, and | 23 | PRESIDENT GROFF: All those in favor |
|  | because we think we're averaging around 1200 a | 24 | say |
|  | meeting and for those discretionary, we thought | 25 | (Motion passed.) |
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|  | that 89 was probably the number that they're | 1 | PRESIDENT GROFF: Congratulations |
|  | going to hit this year. |  | again, John. |
|  | And I can also tell you one thing, | 3 | MR. MOTTA: Thank you. |
|  | Richard never turns in his expenses, and I bet | 4 | (Applause.) |
| 5 | John does. | 5 | PRESIDENT GROFF: The position of |
|  | MR. MOORE: So this should be 120? |  | secretary. |
| 7 | MS. BRIGGS: It's what? | 7 | MR. FALCONE: Anthony Falcone, Deputy |
|  | MR. MOORE: So this should be 120? | 8 | Director for Region 1. |
| 9 | MS. BRIGGS: No, no. It think the | 9 | I have the pleasure of nominating |
|  | expenses were lower in prior years, because | 10 | Shonna Schroedl from Oregon, who has been serving |
|  | Richard never turned in his expenses. | 11 | as our secretary for the past four years and has |
| 12 | MR. MOORE: Well, that's why I'm | 12 | done a wonderful job, has kept this board in |
|  | saying, the budget -- he never turned in his | 13 | order, which is not a very easy task to do. And |
|  | expenses -- so he should have been in the budget? | 14 | so I would like to nominate her for another |
| 5 | MS. BRIGGS: So -- but it would have | 15 | o-year term. |
|  | been higher in those prior four years. | 16 | PRESIDENT GROFF: Any other |
|  | MR. MOORE: Yes, that's my point. | 17 | nominations? |
| 8 | MS. BRIGGS: So we think that actual | 18 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to close. |
|  | will be 89. | 19 | PRESIDENT GROFF: Moved to close. |
|  | MR. MOORE: Thank you. | 20 | All those in favor say aye. |
| 21 | MS. BRIGGS: Any others? | 21 | (Motion approved.) |
| 22 | I move to -- I ask anybody to approve | 22 | PRESIDENT GROFF: Shonna, |
|  | the budget. | 23 | congratulations. |
| 24 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to | 24 | (Applause.) |
|  | approve the budget. | 25 | PRESIDENT GROFF: So the last |

position we have for election is the member-at-large, which is created by a vacancy.
Again -- your term is up -- so, John was a member-at-large, but his term is up, so you are voting for a two-year term.

Now, we can have the speeches. Would you like to go first, Cezar.

Mike, you are going to go? Go ahead.
MR. MALONE: Thank you. The past few years since Richard has been on, we've worked really hard on this board. We worked hard on all the programs. In the last two years, more so, I have been spending a lot of time with the smaller states, working with joint state associations and helping them come along.

The competitions, I have worked coed, I'd like to see the coed come back and all of you to help us bring coed back. It seems to be a lot of interest in those areas, we need to bring it back again.

The National Cup, one of my biggest passions, I would like to see it, continue it, and improve it, with the guys, with Werner, and not -- Paul Scherer being on the committee now -being on the board at large, I think it gives me 30
the opportunity to work with all these programs. And I really look forward to being on this board and working with John.

And thank you, and I am looking for your vote.
(Applause.)
MR. WASECKI: Good afternoon, delegates. My name is Cezar Wasecki. For those of you that don't know me, I'm the current president of Mass. Soccer. I had a long speech prepared, but as we got closer to this meeting, I thought about it. What is it I want to share with these delegates? And I thought about it more, and I wanted to share a story with each of you.

Six years ago, I was elected as president of a state association that was in shambles and about to fall apart. Without getting into any details why we were in that state, we had five or six different leagues that were broken up. The types of leagues we had were ethnic leagues, like "Loosa Nada" (phonetic) that Hank always talked about. We had a women's-only league, that's the largest one in the country, 3,000 members. We had the adult veterans, which

So I made some calls. I ended up talking to Tim Busch, and he informs me it's an adult tournament, 75 to 80 teams, and they're going to come to you in a year, and you have to host them. You have to find fields and everything. My first thought was, Richard and Brooks, they were right. We're not ready for this.

I was about to throw in the towel, because that was the right thing. However, I made a last call to Tim, and I asked him, what are the requirements for the tournament? He goes over it, he goes over the details. And then he goes, Oh, by the way, you are going to need a lot of volunteers. At that point, it struck me, This is perfect. This is the event that I need to pull together all my leagues. We're going to work in a common goal. This is exactly what I needed, it's a common goal to rebuild my state.

Over the next 12 months, my administrators of each league are forced to work together. We host two Veterans Cups that have 104 teams, which was the largest two events we've ever had for USASA until today. Once we
accomplished that, from that point on, nothing was impossible for us. Now, we work as a team, and we've moved forward, and we face every challenge.

So what's the point of the story? Why am I telling you today? Today USASA is facing a lot of challenges and competitions from other organizations. Every association has their own problems and needs.

What we need as an organization is a common goal where we can engage every member in this room. For us, that common goal is growth of the organization. For the last five years, do you know what the numbers is, we have as members? 251,000 . Today, we're 246. We're flat. There are 6 million adult soccer players here with 4 percent of the market.

So how do we grow this organization?
We do it by offering better services, better tools, education to our members. We need to create a value and brand for position that we can go out and sell. We have to create the best mousetrap out there. Once we get them, they will come to us. If they see the value and the brand, that's how we're going to accomplish this.

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I believe my professional background and grassroots soccer experience makes me the perfect candidate for the position of USASA member-at-large. As you are about to the vote, I ask each of you to think carefully. Please cast your vote for the person that you think can assist the USASA board and all of its members to align us towards a common goal and lead us to growth and success in the future.

Thank you.
(Applause.)
MS. POLLEY: Good afternoon, delegates. My name is Peggy Polley. I'm president of Kentucky Soccer Association. I have hosted the United States National Cup finals in 2011, which we fed all the players and the referees and the coaches and guests. I have taken and hosted the Region 2 Tournament of Champions in 2013. I have been the administrator of the Kentucky women's select team back when we had that. I also coached them. I have a C license. I have been regional secretary for two years.

As far as national committee, I was on a membership committee for many years. I
currently am on the women's festival and best practices.

As an at-large member, I will be your advocate, your sounding board for issues to be addressed by the National Board of Directors. I listen to people's issues and concerns. I share information broadly. I network everywhere I go and meet people to gain knowledge and to give them assistance, if I can.

I value having had the opportunity to meet and know so many of you here, not just those from Kentucky or Region 2, but many across the United States of America and USASA. Having worked with you, many of you on the committees, that have focused to improve our ability to provide quality playing opportunities, sharing a best practices and growing programs for women.

As an at-large member on the Board of the Directors, I pledge to be transparent and sharing my knowledge of how to run successful programs and the activities and discussions held by the Board of Directors.

The success of USASA lies with hard work, ethics, and open communication, and they are qualities I will bring to the Board of 36
Directors. I thank you all for that, you support me and grow the beautiful game, and I thank you for your support which would allow me to have this opportunity to advocate on behalf of you as a member of the USASA National Board of Directors.

Thank you for your time.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: So I understand it's the white ballots again.

MR. ELJALI: Okay. It's the pack that says National Board of Directors. It goes president, secretary, and the last one is member-at-large. It's the white ballots. Please cast your votes.

PRESIDENT GROFF: So we had speeches, and we've had no nominations. So can we just declare them as having been nominated, since they all gave fantastic speeches? Does anyone want to make a nomination speech? Okay. It's declared that they're all nominated.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to close the nominations.

PRESIDENT GROFF: All in favor say aye.
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you.
Back to the white ballots. Only the
white. If you do a green, or pink or a yellow, they won't count.

MR. EJLALI: Just to restate, the total vote count would be 185, and the majority is 93 .

PRESIDENT GROFF: As soon as the ballots are collected, we're going to move on to best practices presentation which is going to be a very short, not-a-one-hour presentation, by Duncan, myself, and possibly John Motta about our competition with U.S. Club and USSSA, and maybe give you some insights of what to do.

Okay. Let's have the first slide. USSSA. Right now, they have 25,000 to 30,000 adult players. They're growing. $\$ 65$ a team. No rules, very little programs. They have tournaments. They let them sign up a league. Their liability insurance is only for the field owner, nothing for the player, the coach, the volunteer assistants, not the club, not the team, not the league they play in. It's a softball nonprofit, with millions of softball players, 25-

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to 30,000 adult players. That's competition Number 1.

Competition Number 2, U.S. Club Soccer. Around 20,000 adult players. No rules. The league can join direct. No state association to deal with. They do have a good insurance program. Not as good as ours. But it's a good one. They pay around $\$ 18$ a player for it. Their fees are normally around $\$ 25$ a player. They have the mission of developing national leagues, or they will come into a state, and say oh, we're going to have an elite adult league. Be prepared for that.

Next slide. What to do. Well, you need to be talking to your leagues all the time, so you can get a hint that they're going in that direction.

And as soon as you know, the first thing you want to do is call Duncan. Make sure they understand the insurance options. We had a great experience in the last 30 days. There's a strong USSSA couple of leagues in Nevada, a couple thousand players. All of a sudden, field owners looked at the insurance certificates and say, no, it's not good enough. You can't have
the fields anymore. And they immediately called us, and of course, we sent them to Graham. You have to know your insurance. You have to be able to sell it.

We'll talk about that a little later.
If you see that they're starting an elite league, you should think about starting a competitive one. And most importantly, go to your Board of Directors and ask for a grant if you need some help; you know we have all those membership grants. But think about that. You have to watch. You have to be on top of it. Don't get surprised.

Next slide. All right. This is Duncan. After you have called him, this is what he's going to talk about.

MR. RIDDLE: Okay. So Richard just explained to you about U.S. Club, USSSA, and what they don't have is us. They don't have people on the ground.

What do we bring? What's our extra value that we bring to our leagues and our teams and our members? And it's the people. It's the person on the ground, as well as all our insurance stuff, but it's all the stuff that we can do and provide.

Now, what we then can do as a national office is to help you. So we can help you with the message. And I think one of our messages now is what we can bring to your current leagues, not just new potential leagues, because if you build and strengthen your current leagues, if you have got -- if you help them to professionalize what they do, they will attract teams from the unaffiliated leagues. So you grow your base already that you already have.

So, what can we bring as a national organization? You can go to your league and say, we have an online registration system that we can give to you, to the leagues. It's a perfect application for leagues. You can run your league off of it, run your rosters, run your scheduling, all of that stuff.

At the office, we have Anthony who designed our website and did a lot of some of this other design work. You can come to us. We provide Anthony for you to actually help you to design a new website. I don't know if Colorado is in the room still. If you go and see Marley after, Marley will tell you about the website
that Anthony has just designed for him, as a state association website, not just ours. He's also designed the Region 1 and the Region 3 regional websites. So we can provide that and help. And we are not charging for his service.

The marketing materials. Bob has already spoken a little bit about it. What I want to say is this. Bob and I spoke about this way back before Lake Tahoe. He pulled his committee together to start to come up with some ideas about marketing materials. These are just examples. So we can help with the design, folders, postcards of events that you can push for your local events and the national events. These trifolds, you will see the example that we've got in here is, it links -- it's all the state information, but then shows that it's a part of the bigger family of U.S. Adult Soccer, so there's a national body around it. So it brings the value of being a part of our organization. And posters, et cetera.

Some states have done this on their own. Gus, from Eastern New York, with his league, he produced his own one. He didn't ask us for a design. Same thing, trifold that
promotes his league, but also promotes USASA.
So we can help in the national office. We can help your state to actually reach down to the leagues and help with all of this stuff to make those leagues better and stronger.

We have a new member of staff. You may not be able to see him. He's in the far corner over there. Pierre stand up -- no, I said stand up. Pierre is our new recruit. He's our membership and league relationship manager. Obviously, you can see he has a great sense of humor already. He has to be to be working in our office. He's there now as a resource.

Bob and his committee have been
pushing this for some time. If you can find somebody in your state association who is responsible for the membership, they can communicate, then, to Pierre. He's the person to do that for them, so if you want stuff designed, you go to Pierre, and he will help you.

There are other states, like in
Mississippi -- I don't know if Kay is in the room
-- Mississippi needs some help on the ground.
They came to us, and said we need to make contact with the leagues. We have lost so many members.

So Pierre is the guy that now is reaching out and doing research for them, and he's going to go back and actually help them to recruit new leagues. So that's the resource that we give to you.

And as I said, the last person there which we mentioned earlier, Anthony can do the website design, and he can also design all of these fliers.

So if you need help, this is what we want to do. This is our customer service to you that you then put the customer service down to the leagues that are currently our members, and, actually, then, once we strengthen those, then, we can start to go out and recruit the new leagues.

Okay. So you know where we are. We are here to help. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GROFF: All right. The last thing is -- just wanted to review the insurance for you. Obviously, Nick is in the office. He can explain it to you. Tom Hayes is available. Tom is great. He will even call the league to make sure that they understand what they are buying. Our liability insurance is for 44
the field owner, the team, the coach, the league, and the league officers, plus your state associations.

All of our liability insurance has participant liability insurance, which is now mandated by U.S. Soccer. We have the participant accident medical, $\$ 5,000$ and the $\$ 25,000$ programs. We have the D \& O Insurance. Just stay on top of this. Make sure they understand what they are buying when they go buy insurance from USSSA.

Again, the important thing is if you need help, the staff, your regional directors, everyone is there to help you. John will do just as I did. He will call the leagues and talk to them. We're in this together. It's very important. Thanks.
(Applause.)
MR. ROONEY: Rooney in Connecticut. Can we get the -- can we have access to those slides on U.S. Club Soccer and USSS -- whatever the hell it is.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Sure.
MR. ROONEY: Thank you. If I go out, and try to recruit leagues, those would be useful
to me as well as the regular marketing.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Great, I'm sure they will make available to you, Dan.

MR. ROONEY: All right. Thank you. PRESIDENT GROFF: Do we have a result?
MR. MOORE: One other comment, Richard. Tom Moore. I hate to be a spring bud at this meeting today, but Tom Moore, Cal North.

With respect to the insurances, on the website, I have been able to find claim forms, but with respect to marketing it and accuracy to our players, the thing I haven't been able to find on the USASA website, are those one-page descriptions of the three different types of insurance. It would be really helpful to be able to download those, particularly the PAI, but the liability D \& O also. It's just the one-page description.

PRESIDENT GROFF: It's a good suggestion. I think Tom Hayes is actually working on that.

MR. ELJALI: 172 votes were counted; 80 for Cezar, 43 for Peggy, and 49 for Mike. So we don't have a majority.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say that
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again.
MR. ELJALI: 172 votes were counted;
80 for Cezar, 43 for Peggy, 49 for Mike.
So please return to your green
ballots.
MS. POLLEY: I will withdraw, and I
would give my support to Cezar.
PRESIDENT GROFF: A candidate can voluntarily withdraw. So now you have two candidates remaining. Okay. Green ballots, says the same thing.

MR. EJLALI: Color-blind.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Yellow, not green.
MR. WASECKI: Peggy wanted me just to
clarify something, my spelling on my name, so I'm
going to spell it. C-e-z-a-r, and last name is
W-a-s-e-c-k-i.
MR. GROFF: Can we put that up there, both candidates? Can we put both candidates up on the screen?

After the ballots are collected,
we'll move on.
We're not sure we have any unfinished business, but does anyone have some unfinished business, they would like to present?

Hearing none, we will move on to amendments to the bylaws and policies. We have two. Jim Hamilton will serve as the chair of the review of the bylaws. He's also on the Rules Committee.

MR. HAMILTON: The first of the two proposed bylaw amendments is an amendment to Bylaw 514, Hall of Fame Committee.

Is there a motion to adopt the amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
MR. HAMILTON: Who made the motion? I heard somebody say "so moved." I can't see.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: George (inaudible) North Texas.

MR. HAMILTON: Is there a second?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

## Eastern Pennsylvania.

MR. HAMILTON: I'm going to allow Richard to speak first. He's the proponent of the amendment.

PRESIDENT GROFF: As the proponent, we're going to make the following modifications. The Rules Committee and I think the Hall of Fame Committee have to agree that Number 4 should stay there.

On the Section 3, in discussion with John Motta and Bill Bosgraaf, we are going to remove the requirement of the president and the vice-president to be on the Hall of Fame Committee.

So that the only things that you will be speaking to or voting on will be Number 3, which increases the number from 8 to 10 with two at-large and still keeps the two regionals from each region. And section 4.

MR. HAMILTON: Tony.
MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone, Deputy Director Region 1.

I would like to place an amendment on the remaining paragraph, which is currently numbered Number 3. The first sentence where it says "Ten members of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association Hall of Fame," put a period at the end of "fame," and remove "with a minimum of two from each region."

In effect, what that would do is increase the committee from 8 to 10, but it would be just ten members selected among those who seek to be on that committee and no requirement that
it be per region.
As a member of the Hall of Fame, I have the opportunity every year to vote to select these members, and it's kind of odd for me that I'm looking at people on a regional basis when the Hall of Fame is about individuals who have made contributions to our game as administrators or as players. And we don't look at them as they're a Hall of Fame member of Region 1 or a Hall of Fame member of Region 3. They're just a Hall of Fame member of USASA. And in my opinion, the selection committee should be the ten best people that members of the Hall of Fame think should be part of that selection committee.

Also, in regards to the position paper that we received from the committee itself, the committee has the opportunity to do that, and it's within their rights, but members of the Hall of Fame, were never asked for their consideration. Thank you.

MR. HAMILTON: Tony, I'm going to take that as a motion to amend.

MR. FALCONE: Yes. Great.
MR. HAMILTON: Is there a second?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

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PRESIDENT GROFF: Any discussion?
MR. FLAMHAFT: Mr. Hamilton.
MR. HAMILTON: Yes.
MR. FLAMHAFT: The Hall of Fame Committee unanimously opposes the revision of Section 3 of Bylaw 514. We support the adoption of the proposed Section 4. The rationale includes adding additional expertise including media members or selectors with unique historical --

PRESIDENT GROFF: You're out of order. You are speaking about a part of the bylaw that's not even being discussed.

MR. FLAMHAFT: Sir, I would like to address the rationale in favor of the proposal. These are the words of the innovator of the proposal, so I'm speaking --

MR. HAMILTON: The motion that is on the floor right now is the motion to delete the words "with a minimum of two from each region."

MR. FLAMHAFT: That's what I'm addressing.

MR. HAMILTON: Okay.
MR. FLAMHAFT: We believe that this concept of requiring additional expertise is
cumulative and unnecessary. We respectfully respect that the combined wisdom and experience of all of those who have already been admitted to the Hall of Fame, as revealed through the process by which they annually select their own representatives to the committee, has served this organization admirably and consistently exhibited the amount of expertise needed.

At-large representatives may sound romantic or charming, but what does it really mean? Does it add objectivity that is already not in place? We think not.

Furthermore, we feel that the comparison to the U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame concept is misplaced. While at-large membership on a national board of directors may have merit because of their range of concerns. The mission of the Hall of Fame Committee is quite specific, and by virtue of its current design, the committee has a membership entirely free of any regional biases, with a size and structure which continues to meet the organization's needs effectively.

While we admire Richard Groff for his service and leadership, this proposal falls short of a comprehensive plan that would improve the structure of the Hall of Fame. The proposal creates positions that are clearly not necessarily -- not necessary, simply because the committee itself is composed of people with unique experience, expertise, and integrity.

The committees's current procedures and guidelines allow for intelligent and unbiased dialogue on the merits of the candidates. Members leave their personal loyalties out of any discussion. They act with impartiality and fairness to all applicants.

Thank you for taking into consideration our thoughts on this matter.

MR. HAMILTON: In the middle there.
MR. BUSCH: Mr. Hamilton, Tim Busch, president of Washington State Adult Soccer, USASA Hall of Fame, class of 2007.

I want to oppose the change. I'm the newest member of the Hall of Fame Committee. We are made up of nine individuals, two from each of the four regions, and Bruno Trapikas is our chair, which is appointed, I believe, by the president.

The notion of moving totally away
from the concept of having geographic representation is to me incredibly silly. I use
Region 4 as an example, not because we have to be that provincial in our decision-making. Those of you that I have worked with for nearly a quarter of a century, are folks from all over the country. And some of my best friends live on the East Coast, for example, Cezar Wasecki, because Mass Soccer is so much like the soccer that we have in Washington state.

But in Region 4, Dick Burns and I are the two representatives from that area. And Keith McGechie was honored by this organization last year, never would have gone into the Hall of Fame without the expertise that Dick had. He came from another generation.

And so to go from a committee that works well and has functioned incredibly well, in my opinion, to suggesting that adding people and changing the whole structure, you are not addressing the real issue here. You -obviously, there's a belief on somebody's part that the results that the committee comes forward with are not acceptable to the politicians in the room.

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And so before you tear up this process, which honestly I have enjoyed, just in my limited experience, the good folks who want to honor people that deserve to be honored in this organization. So I oppose the change. Don't fix something that's not broken.

MR. HAMILTON: Yes.
MR. KEPNER: Bob Kepner, North Carolina.

I think there's a real danger in getting away from the geographical spread of the membership, of the Hall of Fame Committee. And it deeply concerns me that that concept would be presented because I think, however it might work out -- maybe it would work out nicely for awhile, but at some point, the perception of geographical bias would emerge its ugly head.

So I speak against the amendment of abandoning the minimum of two per region.

MR. HAMILTON: Anybody else want to speak for or against the motion to amend the proposed bylaw amendment? In other words, what we're going to vote on first is just the motion to strike the words, "with a minimum of two from each region." Any other speakers?

people, actually, this year had a challenge
because they had some members who couldn't attend. So it became smaller. The reality is by adding -- and I agree: We should keep as is, the two regional representatives -- but I also agree this should not be the only committee that's only regionally elected. This should be a committee that has protected regional representation and the ability to add two at-large individuals, you know, who may not be able to win at the regional level, but could win because of their personal expertise as an at-large person.

This isn't a major change. This is openness. This is transparency. This is the ability to be just like every other committee in this organization.

Thank you.
MR. HAMILTON: Tim.
MR. BUSCH: I speak against the motion. And I want to clarify for the body that the election process for the Hall of Fame is unlike the appointment process for committees or elections of officers in USASA.

All of the eight spots that are elected, all four of the regions or all eight of the people that are elected are elected by the
group from the Hall of Fame. So they, in essence, they are already nationally elected.

So I speak against the motion to amend that provision of the bylaws.

MR. HAMILTON: Any other statements?
The current motion on the floor is the motion to adopt section 3, paragraph 3, and section 4, both at the same time.

MR. FLAMHAFT: The Hall of Fame Committee approves the revision for section 4. Our opposition is to section 3.

MS. LANGENWALTER: So can I make a motion to amend?

MR. HAMILTON: Hold on just a second. I couldn't understand what you said, Steve.

MR. FLAMHAFT: With regard to section
3, the Hall of Fame Committee opposes that proposal.

With regard to section 4, the Hall of Fame Committee approves section 4.

MR. HAMILTON: Then the question should be divided so that we vote on section 3 and section 4 separately.

MR. FLAMHAFT: That's entirely up to you, sir.

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MR. HAMILTON: I can't understand you Steve.

MR. FLAMHAFT: That's entirely up to you, sir.

MS. LANGENWALTER: And I'm just standing here to make whatever motion you need in order to do that.

MR. HAMILTON: You can move to divide the question.

MS. LANGENWALTER: I would like to move to divide the question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MR. HAMILTON: There's been a motion
to divide this into two votes; the first vote being the amended section 3 , and the second vote being the adoption of 4 .

We will start with the amendment to
section 3 . Any comment on the amendment to section 3 before we vote?

Paragraph 3 of section 3, I'm sorry.
MS. DAVIS: Hi, I'm Jennifer Davis, from Louisiana.

I actually have a point of
clarification on the wording. It says: These members will be chosen by the members from the

United States Hall of Fame.
Should that be the United States
Adult Soccer Association Hall of Fame?
MR. HAMILTON: Yes, it should. I think it's pretty clearly a typographical error.

MR. MARION: Andy Marion, South Carolina.

First, I don't have a real strong opinion on whether or not at-large versus regional or adding an additional at-large. I don't know how much difference that would make.

What I do think about is it's an enlargement of the committee, the selection committee from eight to ten members, and my own experience is that a smaller committee often works a lot better than a larger one. Eight may not be a huge difference than 10 , but if I were serving on the committee, I think I would prefer eight.

The second point on that is I would defer to the experience of the existing Hall of Fame members and their existing committee, and the fact that they have so strongly and so unanimously taken the position that the current eight-committee-person structure works very well. I would defer to that.

So, looking at it from the outside as how well the committee might work, my own personal feeling is that the current eight-man committee would probably work better than the additional 10 -- excuse me -- eight person.

MR. FRICKER: Werner Fricker, member of Hall of Fame Committee.

I wasn't going to speak on this, but I think I need to. I just want to address all the delegates. You need to clearly understand. I have worked on this committee for several years now. I was not involved the first several years, when the Hall was formed, and at that time, the committee was structured in that there was a massive selection to put members into the Hall of Fame who had done work over many, many years. And then we started this selection process.

The committee is elected, as you know, by the existing Hall of Fame members. If you look at the list of people that are on this Hall of Fame committee, people that have given their lifetime to this game, names like Borroni, Black, Polley, Burns, Flamhaft, and others, these are people with clear integrity. They do their

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jobs. As a committee, we analyze the
applications. We vote on them. We work very
well together. Now, that's not to say that
anyone of us could not be reelected and someone
else will come along.
    I just urge you, please, as Tim said,
it's not broken. Let's leave it the way it is.
Let's continue. We need to work to continue. We
need to do better reporting. And we'll follow,
we do support, I support section 4. Please,
let's not fix it, if it's not broken.
    Thank you.
    MR. HAMILTON: Is there any more
discussion of the motion to adopt the amended
section 3, paragraph 3?
    MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer from
Idaho.
    I also oppose section 3. I think
that the -- we have the expertise of the members
that we have on the committee, and I think it's
proven that way, in the past, and I'm sure that
it will continue on in the future. And I --
again, there's no reason to change it.
    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:Call the
question.
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    MR. HAMILTON: Any other discussion?
    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call for the
    question.
MR. HAMILTON: This vote will be to
adopt section 3, paragraph 3, and it needs to be
by a two-thirds vote. We will start with a voice
vote.
All in favor of adopting, say aye?
Opposed, no?
Motion fails.
(Motion failed.)
MR. HAMILTON: Next is to adopt
section 3 -- pardon me, to adopt section 4. Any
further discussion?
All in favor of adopting section 4,
of Bylaw 514. Opposed?
Motion carries.
(Motion passed.)
MR. HAMILTON: The next proposed amendment
is an amendment to rescind paragraph -- or Bylaw 431.
MR. FALCONE: As the proponent of
this bylaw amendment, I make the motion.
MR. HAMILTON: The motion is to
rescind Bylaw 431. Is there a second?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

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| 1 jobs. As a committee, we analyze the | 1 MR. HAMILTON: Do you wish to speak |
| 2 applications. We vote on them. We work very | 2 Tony? |
| 3 well together. Now, that's not to say that | 3 MR. FALCONE: Yes. And I have had |
| 4 anyone of us could not be reelected and someone | 4 some conversations with a few of you before this |
| 5 else will come along. | 5 meeting. And there may be some desire to do a |
| 6 I just urge you, please, as Tim said, | 6 nomination process, and perhaps it's something we |
| 7 it's not broken. Let's leave it the way it is. | 7 can work for the mid-year meeting. |
| 8 Let's continue. We need to work to continue. We | 8 This current section of the bylaw |
| 9 need to do better reporting. And we'll follow, | 9 right now is not enforceable. It clearly was |
| 10 we do support, I support section 4. Please, | 10 designed and it states, that we, U.S. Adult |
| 11 let's not fix it, if it's not broken. | 11 Soccer, would allocate and select the |
| 12 Thank you. | 12 commissioners on to the Adult Council. Section |
| 13 MR. HAMILTON: Is there any more | 13 2, clearly states that the position shall be |
| 14 discussion of the motion to adopt the amended | 14 filled by the following officers. We, as U.S. |
| 15 section 3, paragraph 3? | 15 Adult Soccer, are members of the Adult Council. |
| 16 MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer from | 16 And we, as a member, can elect members, like we |
| 17 Idaho. | 17 did earlier today, elect members to the Adult |
| 18 I also oppose section 3. I think | 18 Council. But we, as a member organization, |
| 19 that the -- we have the expertise of the members | 19 cannot predetermine who goes on to that Adult |
| 20 that we have on the committee, and I think it's | 20 Council. |
| 21 proven that way, in the past, and I'm sure that | 21 Now, we can very clearly, as a body, |
| 22 it will continue on in the future. And I -- | 22 decide to nominate our officers and elect them, |
| 23 again, there's no reason to change it. | 23 but that has to be done as a separate process. |
| 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call the | 24 We -- everyone can decide -- or the |
| 25 question. | 25 majority can decide not to approve this, and that |
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| MR. HAMILTON: Any other discussion? | 1 would be fine. But it's just, it's going to be |
| 2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call for the | 2 taking space in our bylaws, because it has -- it |
| 3 question. | 3 has no -- it cannot be enforced at all. And if |
| 4 MR. HAMILTON: This vote will be to | 4 we did try to enforce it, this could be |
| 5 adopt section 3, paragraph 3, and it needs to be | 5 challenged by other member organizations of U.S. |
| 6 by a two-thirds vote. We will start with a voice | 6 Soccer. And we don't need anyone else to be |
| 7 vote. | 7 getting into our own business. |
| 8 All in favor of adopting, say aye? | 8 And so I recommend approving this -- |
| 9 Opposed, no? | 9 rescinding the section. |
| 10 Motion fails. | 10 MS. LANGENWALTER: Erin Langenwalter, |
| 11 (Motion failed.) | 11 New Mexico State President, Hall of Fame, class |
| 12 MR. HAMILTON: Next is to adopt | 12 of 2030, if I'm around that long. |
| 13 section 3 -- pardon me, to adopt section 4. Any | 13 I just wanted to speak to this. Tony |
| 14 further discussion? | 14 and I did have some conversation, and given my |
| 15 All in favor of adopting section 4, | 15 line of work, I know the value of a record, so I |
| 16 of Bylaw 514. Opposed? | 16 wanted to make a record here today. |
| 17 Motion carries. | 17 I was a little bewildered by how |
| 18 (Motion passed.) | 18 quickly we didn't follow this bylaw in D.C. And |
| 19 MR. HAMILTON: The next proposed amendment | 19 it took some time and we discussed it in our |
| 20 is an amendment to rescind paragraph -- or Bylaw 431. | 20 regional meeting, that I think there were a lot |
| 21 MR. FALCONE: As the proponent of | 21 of people who were a little confused by what |
| 22 this bylaw amendment, I make the motion. | 22 happened. Essentially, this bylaw is in place at |
| 23 MR. HAMILTON: The motion is to | 23 this point, and it suggests that the officers get |
| 24 rescind Bylaw 431. Is there a second? | 24 slotted in -- USASA officers get slotted into the |
| 25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. | 25 Adult Council positions. We didn't follow that. |

And we discussed at the D.C. meeting that we would do some housecleaning at a later time to fix that.

I think that the housecleaning that could have occurred before that D.C. meeting could have been quite a bit simpler. I agree with Mr. Falcone, that as stated, it suggests that we would identify and put in place these officers of the Adult Council without any input from any other potential members. I think that could have been resolved very simply, by just changing some wording that we would nominate those people.

With all due respect to everybody who is holding the position, both on the USASA board and the Adult Council board, I think there is great value in having the board members from USASA holding those representative positions. What we have effectively done is created a great deal of confusion with the term of the members of both the USASA and the Adult Council. I'm, quite frankly, not sure -- I understood the at-large position was going to be a one-year term. I heard it announced earlier that it's a two-year term. People are now off, I guess, they're
holding a USASA position and an Adult Council position that don't run concurrently. And I just wanted to make a record that I hope that in the future when we do some more housecleaning, because whether this passes or not, there's going need to be another step, because this is not going to clean up where we are at this point.

MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer from Idaho.

Actually, I move to table this, until the proposer comes up with an alternative plan. Rather than just throwing this out and we've got nothing, I think, by mid-year, we hopefully -Tony, I would even be able to work with you if you need -- but I think we ought to have something in place, instead of just throwing this out.

MR. TRAINOR: Jim.
MR. HAMILTON: Yes.
MR. TRAINOR: Dan Trainor, Region 4
Director, Past Rules Chair.
I would either vote no or vote to table this for the reasons -- kind of what Paul says, I think and what Erin was saying -- it's, I think, easier to make amendments if there is
something there to do with. And if we rescind this all and then try to vote it back in at the mid-year meeting, there's going to be a whole lot of discussion.

I think this can be easily changed with some minor words and making it a nomination process instead of the election process. And I very quickly, came up and pretty much made those changes here. But it's too much of a substantive change to actually be able to vote on it today, which is why we either have to table this to the mid-year meeting, or vote not to rescind it, so that we can bring it back at the mid-year meeting and then make those changes.

MR. HAMILTON: I don't think it can be tabled to another meeting. What you have to do is just defeat it, defeat the motion to adopt the decision.

Tom.
MR. MOORE: Tom Moore, Northern California.

I do have one additional criticism, because it looks like whatever we do with this, it's headed for some sort of revision. The current bylaw, as I read it, says: This bylaw specifies and determines or governs the allocation and selection of USASA nonathlete commissioner positions.

We just had an election earlier today, essentially, which put Fritz Marth and Bill Davey, and Richard Groff, et cetera, onto the adult commission. How do we know that they are not athletes?

Does the nonathlete commissioner -UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You just have to look at them. Do you want me to stand up and turn sideways?

MR. MOORE: Maybe we -- this needs some work.

MR. HAMILTON: Any other discussion?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call the vote.
MR. HAMILTON: The motion is to adopt the recision of Bylaw 431. So voting in favor would be voting to rescind it. Voting against would be voting to keep it.

It takes a two-thirds vote, affirmative vote to rescind the bylaws. All in favor of -- go ahead.

MR. SCHERER: I just -- I'd like to ask the question. Would it be just easier or
could I just propose that we table it now?
MR. HAMILTON: Well, technically tabling a matter is tabling it until later in the meeting. If you want to keep it on the books and deal with it at the mid-year, the thing to do is just defeat the motion.

All in favor of rescinding Bylaw 431, say aye. All opposed?

The motion fails.
(Motion failed.)
MR. HAMILTON: That concludes the bylaw revisions.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Do we have any new business?

Oh, the election results. We have them.

MR. EJLALI: The election results, Cezar got the majority, 111 to tw- --

PRESIDENT GROFF: Can we have a motion to destroy all the ballots?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
PRESIDENT GROFF: All in favor say aye.
(Motion passed.)
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For all
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elections.
PRESIDENT GROFF: For all elections.
We're now at new business. Go right
ahead.
MR. MOORE: I'm going to make an attempt to move forward on something we were just working on a moment ago. And I will make a motion that we direct the governance committee to develop a proposal to deal with that bylaw that we just didn't remove.

PRESIDENT GROFF: I think -- do we need a motion for that, or is that something that the new president can talk to the governance committee about, after he appoints it?

MR. MOORE: What's the new president say?

MR. MOTTA: It's a suggestion.
PRESIDENT GROFF: A suggestion? Okay. Great.

Anything else under new business?
Under new business for myself, I remember Steve Flamhaft's comments at the last mid-year meeting. As president, since I helped to appoint you, I want to thank all the committee chairs for their service. You've done a great
job. I would like to thank everyone that served on a committee. Everyone in this room appreciates what you have done for U.S. Adult Soccer. Your term is now up, and the president will appoint new committees.

Any other new business?
MR. MOTTA: Yeah, Richard.
It's a perfect segue way to what I want to say. First of all, again thank you to the membership for electing me as your president. It's a huge responsibility, like I said before, but I know with the board members -- and we've got a few new board members -- we are going to work tirelessly to do our job and to meet your expectations of your board.

A couple of things I just want to say. I, as your new president, truly have no intentions at this moment of making any changes to any committees right now. What I want to ask of all the committee chairs is within the next 15 days, by March 15th, if you want to remain in your position as a committee chair, I would like you to send me an e-mail on what your goals will be for the next two years to further the growth of USASA.

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Following getting these e-mails on what you want to do and what your goals will be with your committee, we will convene a conference call, and I will get -- definitely get feedback from our board members on what their recommendations would be. And then my goal is we are going to have a board meeting in Florida in late April, is to confirm all the committees by then.

So, as I have said, I do not have any intentions of making any changes today. Just let me know if you are a current committee chair, what your goals are and what your intentions are for the next two years, and again, I need them by March 15th, and then we will make a decision as a board.

As Arthur said earlier, I'm a businessman. Everybody knows that. And I also believe that competition is good for us, good for any organization, because if we don't have competition, we'll get complacent, we'll think we're doing everything good, and there will be no push for us to do any better.

So having competition keeping knocking at our door, only forces your board and
also the membership to work hard to make us better.

My goal in the next two years is to grow this organization. Like I said in my letter, when I announced my candidacy, this organization has good -- a good amount of money in our account. I'm not the one to spend money foolishly, but I'm also a believer that you need to invest money into your programs, into what you believe in, in order to grow an organization. If you do not invest in what you believe in, again, we will be beat by our competition.

Again, I'm not an expert in everything. I'm definitely going to need help. And if anybody out there has any great ideas, any ideas, get them to me, again, in the next few weeks. I want to surround myself with great people. I do not have expertise in everything. And for an example, I'm not an IT person. Actually, I will be honest with everybody, IT is something I really do not like to deal with. Okay. So I need people that really understand IT to work on that and then recommend to the board what are the best things that we need to do.

I'm not an expert in insurance, you
know, and Richard has done a great job with our insurance, but again I'm not an expert in that field, so I need people that has expertise in insurance. And there's many others -- other areas that I'm not an expertise. I'm not the type of guy that's going to try to do everything. I want to surround myself with good people that have that expertise to do -- to get us to go forward.

So, you guys have my number. You guys have my e-mail. In the next few weeks, get in touch with me, let me know your thoughts. And any new program -- and I will give you an example, David Borts, from Rhode Island sent me a proposal of a National Latino cup. That is high on my high priority list of getting the Latino people, unaffiliated leagues into our organization. It's ideas like that that we need from you, the membership, to come forward with and implement. Because if we do not come up with new programs, we think what we're doing today is good enough, our competition will come by and beat us.

And believe me, if anybody knows me, I hate to be beat. I really do.

So I'm going to need everybody in this room's help. It's going to be a good two years. We've got a great Board of Directors here. I mean, everybody here works tirelessly to make us a great organization.

So with that, again, thank you. Don't be afraid to call me. Don't be afraid to tell me anything. If you think I'm a jerk, tell me. I have been called that many times. But I think together in the next two years, we're going to grow this organization to be one that we're all proud of.

Thank you.
(Applause.)
MR. TRAINOR: Still on the Good of the Game?

PRESIDENT GROFF: No, we're not there yet. Any other new business?

All right. When I was elected four years ago, one of the things I noticed was transitions is critically important. And John and I have done, I think, a great job working together, planning for this day, and he knows everything that he needs to be your president today. I felt uncomfortable the way Brooks and I 76 ended that transition. I was sitting in the back. He ran the whole meeting, nothing really happened to bring us together.

And as a symbol for the Good of the Game, I would like to turn the meeting over to John, say congratulations, and he will be a great president. Thank you.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: So now, we'll open it up to the Good of the Game, and I will begin.

I have known Richard for probably my entire soccer life. At least, at the national level. When I first began my career at the national level, Richard was the President of Eastern Penn Youth Soccer. I was the president of New Hampshire Soccer, which was a joint state association. And we worked together through Region 1 youth for many years. I worked with Richard through the U.S. Cup ' 92 where Richard actually was appointed by the Federation to run that tournament. And Richard had come up to me and asked me if I could get Dunkin' Donuts to be a major sponsor, which I did, and we continued that relationship.

I then knew Richard through -- as a

Treasurer of U.S. Soccer. I have known him as the commissioner of adults, of the professionals with the old -- what was it -- NASO -- the A league, the old A league.

So I have seen Richard, and I have worked with Richard from those Youth days all the way to today. And one thing I know about Richard is that when he takes on a task or he takes on a role or he wants to do a project, it gets done to the utmost perfection. He gets it done, gets it done right.

And I just want to take this time to thank Richard for all those years of friendship, in the last four years of being a great leader of USASA. I know I have some big shoes to fill. And I really believe that we owe Richard a very strong round of applause.
(Applause.)
MR. GROFF: Thank you very much. I think I have spoken enough today. It's a great honor, and I look forward to working with you in the future. Thank you.
(Applause.)
MR. TRAINOR: Under the Good of the Game, Region 4 had elections today for deputy 78
director, and Mike Maloney, that has served that position for a lot of years and served the region well, decided to step down. So we're going to have a new deputy director, but I wanted to publicly acknowledge and thank him for his service that he did for Region 4 and all the stuff he has done for all of USASA.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Anybody else for the Good of the Game? Okay. Good. Jim Hamilton, and then I can't see who's out there. Sorry.

MR. HAMILTON: Just real quickly, I want to remind everybody that Richard is also the winner of the Werner Fricker Award, which will be presented tomorrow night at the anniversary dinner. I would like to encourage everybody to attend.

MR. SADOWSKI: Jim Sadowski, President of the Metropolitan D.C.-Virginia Soccer Association.

What a meeting. We moved into a new presidency. We've got a couple other new board positions. And as one of the resident losers of votes -- there's a couple other around, I might
be the one who lost the most votes on something before this group, you learn that we don't have losers in this organization, losing elections too. We have talent. And nobody is going to forget all the hard work that the people put into this organization, who are not in the same positions as they were before. We had a lot of people rise to the occasion from losing elections, including our current president, after a tough loss to the U.S. Soccer Board. So it's not the end, it's the beginning.

To the candidates -- I may forget people -- Peggy, Mike, Bill, of course, Richard, I'm missing somebody in there -- you guys are all very, very talented. And elections are not a reflection of any personal preferences, but just how talented we are. And, but for the leadership of Richard throughout these last four years, we may have had a completely different organization. And I will be forever grateful to Mike, to Peggy, to Bill, and to Richard for the passion, the energy, and the talent they're going to continue to bring to make us strong.

All right. I got there. Thank you very much. very much. 80
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Dave Laraba. MR. LARABA: Dave Laraba. I just wanted to say, on behalf of myself and my family -- and I'm not going to get through this like he did -- how much the support and love that I have felt from this association, people that I have known for years, people that I didn't even know, who sent e-mails, Facebook messages, cards, wishing you well, and also, including my wife's support during the times I was in the hospital from September until Thanksgiving, and there's a time in October, I didn't know if I would see you all again, and it's great to be here.

And this association and the youth association, when you have a problem, when you have trouble, when you have something happen in your life, this association and my friends in youth, are there. If you haven't ever experienced it -- I hope you don't have to experience it, but if you do, you're going to be amazed at what comes from this group.

Thank you very much.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: You've got to
excuse me. That light is very strong. I see no one else for the Good of the Game.

A motion to adjourn.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved. PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay, thank you, everyone.
(Adjourned at 3:07 p.m.)
A motion to adjourn.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay, thank you,
(Adjourned at 3:07 p.m.)
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| 50:7, 50:15 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { regionally }[1]-56: 6 \\ & \text { regionals }[2]-48: 10, \\ & 55: 17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { respect }[4]-45: 9, \\ & 45: 11,51: 2,65: 14 \\ & \text { respectfully }[1]-51: 1 \end{aligned}$ | root [1] - 13:14 <br> rosters [1] - 40:17 | $\begin{gathered} \text { select }[4]-34: 20, \\ 49: 3,51: 5,63: 11 \\ \text { selected }[1]-48: 24 \end{gathered}$ |
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| read [2]-21:3, 67:25 |  |  |  |  |




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